

FBI lied on JFK, author says

Kennedy, John F. Assassination
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WASHINGTON — A Maryland man filed documents in federal court Thursday that he says prove the FBI faked and withheld evidence in the investigation of John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Harold Weisberg, who has written six books about the Kennedy assassination, said he had uncovered documents that indicate FBI agents lied under oath when asked about various tests on assassination evidence.

Weisberg asked U.S. Dist. Judge John Pratt to order the FBI to repeat evidence tests if the law enforcement agency cannot produce all records of earlier tests.

An FBI spokesman declined to comment on Weisberg's filings.

Weisberg attached 82 documents to his 113-page affidavit, most of which he said came from once-secret files obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

During the course of the FOI litigation, Weisberg's attorney questioned five FBI laboratory agents.

Weisberg said the agents admitted they made scientific tests never reported to the Warren Commission and the FBI failed to make definitive tests. He said the FBI then misrepresented and deceived the country.

"Today, the FBI cannot establish the authenticity of JFK assassination specimens and it never had a chain-of-possession on the so-called magic bullet said to have inflicted seven non-fatal injuries to President Kennedy and then Texas Gov. John B. Connally," Weisberg said at a National Press Club news conference.

The FBI admitted to him that it destroyed specimens used in scientific testing of a piece of curbstone from Dealey Plaza where Kennedy was shot during a 1963 visit to Dallas, he said.

Weisberg said the FBI knew that a shot fired in the assassination hit the curbstone and left a small, but visible, hole in it.

A bystander, James Tague of Dallas, received a minor injury from either a bullet fragment or a piece of the curb-

stone, he said.

"The FBI pretended and still pretends that no shot missed (Kennedy or Connally) and that Tague was never found," Weisberg said.

Weisberg, 68, also disputed the FBI theory that a bullet caused two slits in the collar band of Kennedy's shirt and a nick at the knot of his tie. He said the slits were made when nurses at Parkland Hospital were cutting the president's clothes off him in the emergency room.

Weisberg also said Dallas FBI agents failed to tell superiors in Washington that one Dallas motorcycle police officer, D.L. Jackson, actually had seen Connally hit by a separate bullet.

Although the FBI interviewed Jackson in 1975, it did not get a copy of a report he wrote at home the night of the assassination, Weisberg said.

Although the Warren Report concluded only three shots were fired at Kennedy from the 6th-floor window of the Texas School Book Depository, Weisberg said at least four shots were fired.